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FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, XF, US
SUBJECT: PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: CAIRO 2815

1. MY OWN VIEW IS THAT TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO BE IN TOUCH
WITH EGYPTIANS AND SOONER WE CAN DO THIS THE
BETTER CONSISTENT WITH TIMING THAT IS CONVENIENT
TO EGYPTIANS. I WOULD THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT
DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT HERMANN TO INFORM KAMEL THAT
ATHERTON PLANS TO FLY TO CAIRO ARRIVING LATE
AFTERNOON MONDAY AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET
WITH KAMEL BEGINNING TUESDAY
MORNING AS KAMEL HAS SUGGESTED.

2. WITH RESPECT TO MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION,
I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF DEPARTMENT WOULD PROCEED
IMMEDIATELY WITH PLAN, DISCUSSED

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BY LARRY PIPER IN TELEPHONE CALL WITH ME
EARLIER TODAY, TO HAVE USAF PLANE PROCEED HERE IN TIME
FOR TAKE-OFF MONDAY AT ABOUT 400PM. AS SOON
AS WE HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT AIRCRAFT IS COMING,
WE WILL INFORM GOI AND OBTAIN NECESSARY
CLEARANCES.

3. STERNER, SHERMAN, KAMER, AND SY
AGENTS DUMAS AND KRUCHKO WOULD ACCOMPANY ME, WITH
KORN REMAINING IN JERUSALEM.

4. IN VIEW OF SADAT'S COMMENTS TO PRESS WEDNESDAY
THAT I WOULD ARRIVE IN CAIRO IN A FEW DAYS TO MEET
WITH KAMEL, I CONFIRMED TO PRESS FOLLOWING MEETING
WITH BEGIN THIS MORNING THAT I WOULD GO TO CAIRO
EARLY NEXT WEEK (SEPTEL). AS TO HOW WE CHARACTERIZE
MY MEETINGS WITH KAMEL, I HAVE BEEN DESCRIBING
MY TALKS HERE AS INFORMAL AND EXPLORATORY
AND SUGGEST WE CONTINUE TO USE THIS LINE.
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